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SUBJECT: SENGHOR VISIT

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR SCHEDULED DEPART US FROM JFK AT 10:00 A.M. MAY 28. WE HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU TO SEE HIM OFF, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL REQUIRE YOU TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK PRECEDING EVENING TO BE AT HOTEL PIERRE IN TIME ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT TO AIRPORT AT 8:15.

2. SENGHOR ADDRESSES P.E.N. CLUB AT ST. REGIS HOTEL PREVIOUS EVENING DURING DINNER EXPECTED BEGIN AT 19:30. SENGHOR HAS WORKED FOR MONTHS ON TEXT OF HIS SPEECH AND REGARDS IT AS MAJOR STATEMENT. ADVANCE TEXT WE HAVE READ IS CALL ON US TO LIVE UP TO ITS UNIQUE CULTURAL POTENTIAL BY DRAWING ON CULTURAL RESOURCES OF ALL OF ITS DIVERSE PEOPLE, WITH SPECIAL APPEAL TO UNITE SENSITIVITY AND SENSUALITY OF BLACKS WITH ANALYTICAL AND ACQUISITIVE STRENGTHS OF WHITE COMMUNITIES. TREATMENT THROUGHOUT IS SYMPATHETIC AND AT TIMES FLATTERING TO US.

3. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER ATTENDING P.E.N. DINNER. BELIEVE
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SENGHOR WOULD BE FLATTERED BY YOUR PRESENCE, WHICH WOULD

GIVE YOU OPPORTUNITY MEET MEMBERS AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN AFRICA. INVITATION COULD EASILY

BE ARRANGED. KISSINGER

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